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Two Sentenced for Deadly 2016 Home Invasion in Downey

Two men were sentenced today to 15 years to life in state prison for their role in a home invasion robbery in which the victim died of a heart attack, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Robert Villa said Paul Darvis Misikei, 22, and Sakaopo Atanasio Folau, 21, both pleaded guilty last October to one count of second-degree murder.

Their two co-defendants, Henry Willie Sao, 61, and Michael Anthony Harrod, 28, both pleaded no contest also in October to one count of first-degree home invasion robbery and were immediately sentenced to six years in state prison.

On Jan. 17, 2016, the defendants went to the Downey home of Jim Rudometkin, 59, the prosecutor said.

While at the residence, Misikei and Folau forced their way into Rudometkin's home, struck him and tied him up, according to evidence presented in court. Shortly thereafter, Sao also entered the home, the prosecutor added.

As this was occurring, a neighbor saw the attack and called police. When police arrived at the home, the defendants fled the scene but were located and arrested later.

When police entered the victim's home, they found Rudometkin bound and unresponsive. The victim was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene, the prosecutor said.

Case VA141024 was investigated by the Downey Police Department.

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